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EDITORIAL

What Are They Doing to the New YD?

Every member of the Y. D. V. A. has an excellent and vivid recollection of the treatment accorded Generals Edwards, Cole, and Logan by the brass hats of the regular army at G H Q located in the town of Chaumont. We also remember very well that our officers were 99% National Guard, and the divisional history graphically depicts what happened to General Edwards when he loyally defended them, although he himself came to us from the "regulars".

Daddy Edwards so loved his boys from the New England outfits that he defended us to the end — and took everything that a vitriolic general staff could hand him — for our sake.

It's common knowledge that the new Yankee Division is being split up beyond recognition, and if this represents a deliberate attempt to do a job on the YD again, it's time some of our X card holders in Washington got busy.

The fighting record of the men of New England from Lexington on is as glorious a record as these United States has. Its early record, in fact, IS the United States.

We, of the old YD, sincerely ask why the new YD is not where tradition has placed New England fighters since 1775, — in front!

(Ed. note — Appreciation is hereby conveyed to the comrade who furnished the essential part of this editorial. He is a prominent YD comrade and requests anonymity for the duration.)

NOTE WELL!

This is the last issue of DOINGS to be mailed to those with dues unpaid

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Edwards Memorial Features Nat. Com. Carter's Term

Commander Elliot Carter's term of office was notable for many things, but his outstanding contribution to the Y. D. V. A. was the Yankee Division Commemoration Memorial.

Constructed of enduring cast-stone and imperishable bronze, this Memorial will tell generations to come of the honor and glory that was and is the 26th Yankee Division.

Our retiring National Commander merits the admiration and respect of all loyal members for his efforts in progressing the construction of the Memorial, ably assisted by an equally energetic and capable committee.

First YD Man to be Killed In World War II

Master Sergeant Francis X. Campbell, U. S. Army was killed May 17 in the Far East, according to a message from the Secretary of War. No details of his death was given.

Sergeant Campbell was a member of Company "E", 102nd Infantry during the 1st World War and served with the Division in France. At the close of the war he returned to this country and decided to re-enlist in the regular army. He has been stationed at several army posts in this country and Panama and was an instructor in aerial bombing. His last assignment was at a fort in Maine. His family received word late in April that he was in Australia.

For his services in the World War, Sgt. Campbell received the Distinguished Service Medal and the Order of the Purple Heart. He was the possessor of many more service medals.

Besides his wife, Louise, he is survived by his mother and three sisters.

To Send Maloney to a New Post in Washington, D. C.

Hartford, May 23—(AP)—Major Leonard J. Maloney, Connecticut director of the U. S. Employment Service, has been transferred to Washington where on June 1 he will become executive officer of the Manpower section, Division of Civilian Personnel, War Department.

Maloney announced last night he had received notice of his transfer by executive order of the President. His new duties, he said, would be similar to his present work "only on a national scale."

Maloney said William G. Dennis, now assistant Connecticut director, probably would be made acting director by federal authorities.

A former newspaperman, Maloney has been with the Connecticut employment services for the past ten years. He was appointed placement representative for the U. S. Employment Service in 1932, and two years later was named state director of the National Employment Service.

When the Connecticut state employment service was established, Maloney was named assistant director, and in 1937, a year later, was made director.

ORCHIDS TO HAVERHILL AUXILIARY

Haverhill Auxiliary is presenting five dollars to every son of a chapter or auxiliary member who goes into the service of Uncle Sam. This is a grand and expensive gesture and it must take an amazing amount of ingenuity to raise the funds to make such a splendid gift to the youngsters who don the olive drab.

IS YOUR BOY IN THE SERVICE?

If he is we want his picture, Service, your name, outfit and Chapter. All cuts are being saved so that we can print all YD SONS together on coated paper stock suitable for framing. This month's Chapter notes make many comments about sons in service. Will Chapter Commanders and Secretaries please try to get parents to mail in a photo with information as requested above.

MEMORIAL DAY

By Roy L. Thomas, 103rd F.A.

(Reprinted from Lynn Chapter's BARRAGE)

Memorial Day, formerly known in the days of your parents and grandparents as Decoration Day, originated in the year 1868, when Gen. John A. Logan, then Commanding Officer of the Grand Army of the Republic, decreed that May 30 each year would be known as Decoration Day.

Previously, women of the South had, during the Springtime of the year, when flowers were in bloom, cut the flowers and placed them on the graves of their dead. At the same time it was discovered that the many graves of Northern soldiers were being served by the women of the South.

This great gesture spread throughout the North like wildfire and, soon, many locales were seeing to it that the graves of the dead were remembered in this way.

Later, the interest became so great that May 30 was, by General Logan's decree, officially made, for all time, the day of remembering the dead.

While, originally, the purpose was to perpetuate the memory of those who served in the Civil War as the years went on, those of other wars are remembered as well.

At one time the Grand Army of the Republic reached a membership of 410,000; but after 1890, these figures began to diminish and, today, there is but a handful throughout the country who will, this year, be able to go to the graves of their comrades.

Then the Spanish War Veterans, who perfected their organization in 1904, are beginning to thin out. They will, however, be well represented in Memorial Day exercises this year.

And the veterans of World War No. 1, whose organization began in 1919, who have now arrived to the place in life of past middle age, will carry on, as they have in past years, the effective Memorial Day exercises just as sincerely and realistically as did the Civil War veterans of seventy years ago.

However, we recognize that the ranks are thinning, even among the World War Veterans, and as we view each Memorial Day, the new graves, and grave-stones at the World War lot, we become conscious, with sorrowing hearts, that many of these markers pay tribute to a former Yankee Division Veteran.

And so May 30, each year, has become the occasion, in most states of the Union, for the commemoration of American soldiers of all wars and, furthermore, in many localities, commemoration of all dead.

But for World War No. 2, this article would be complete. But the writer cannot stop here. Thousands of our young men throughout the country and hundreds in our own city are now on the far-flung battle areas of World War No. 2. Soon, casualty lists will be published, as were some just previous to the writing of this article, and the families and friends of these young Americans who have given their lives for the flag will want us and others to commemorate their lives at the Memorial Day exercises this year.

Let us, as Yankee Division Veterans, resolve now to be in the parade and at the cemetery to do our part in remembering not only our own buddies, but those of this generation who have already given their lives.

The closing thought I wish to leave is this — that for you and I who are here now on the "Home Front" it is important that we get into the harness of duty and service and, later perhaps, even privation, so that our young men who are now in the battle lines will be encouraged and will realize that their loved ones at home are protected; and when, because of the duties of service to country, some of these young men do not come back, they will know that we who are back here on the "Home Front" will serve them well and remember them as we should on Memorial Day.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

In keeping with a practice inaugurated last year we give you our retiring National Commander Elliot Carter who has been recalled to active duty at Camp Edwards. Photo copyright by Bachrach.

YD NATIONAL CONVENTION — SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JUNE 25-6-7-8

WHO'S BEHIND Y.D.V.A.?
Our Auxiliaries of Course!

It's about time some credit was handed out, and we mean credit where credit is due.

Who bakes the cakes, prepares the sandwiches, makes the coffee, sets the tables, orders the beer, and washes the dishes at our get-togethers? Who hollers, "Come and get it!"? The auxiliaries, of course. Guess there is no need to elaborate on who consumes the delicious dainties.

Not only that — . The women of the YD auxiliaries are busily engaged in Red Cross work and are performing untold tasks in connection with our present war effort. It may be possible that these women are more conscious of their abilities and duties because of their connection with the YD. At any rate, more power to 'em!

LAMENT
By KAY

"Oh me, oh my", a fat Congressman cries
As he puffs on his big black cigar,
"Rationing business for the public's all right
But for Congress — it's going too far.

"I scrimp and save to make ends meet
And I ask you, isn't it true —
If the public can pay for my travel and stamps
They can give me an X-card too?

"Think of my hunting lodge in Maine
And my mansion at Palm Beach
Without my beach wagon and limousine too
Neither one of the points can I reach."

"Why, I work hard every day in the year
Thinking up new taxes for you,
And when I ask for a mere X-card,
I think that's the *least* you can do!"

A P O

IMPORTANT — Will the comrade who sent in a newspaper mat of a father and son shaking hands please mail in the story with names, etc., so we can run the story next issue?

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E. LaFLAME, Nashua Chapter, writes that the chapter now has two members back in service; our National Commander, ELLIOT CARTER, which was noted in our last issue and also GEORGE M. FRENCH, the chapter judge advocate, who is a 1st Lt. in the MP's.

Down the Company Street

President Roosevelt has a statue of Hitler on his desk. The figure is in a bent-over position with a pin cushion mounted on his rear. Right to the point, if you axis us.

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Read where a blonde seeks the Navy as a career. Usually it's the other way around.

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What's cookin'?
Chocolate — wanna nestle?

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Up until recently, Greece was the country most noted for ruins, mostly ancient. Our Army bombers intend to make Japan noted for modern ones.

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Progress, huh? 1940—no gear shift (automatic); 1941—no running boards (streamlining); 1942—no tires (conserving), no gas (rationing), no cars, (walking!).

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Observation: A dim-out is no place for a dim-wit.

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"Fill-er-up" no longer refers to the gas tank!

Another YD man moves up the ladder. WILLIAM D. IRELAND has just been elected president of the Worcester County Trust Co., of Worcester, Mass. Bill served with the 103rd F. A., and YDVA hereby extends its congratulations and best wishes.

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On May fifth the Boston Post gave two full columns to our YDVA member, Lt. Col. BERNARD L. GORFINKLE who appealed through Post columns for radios and pianos for the boys now in service. The result is incredible but nevertheless true; 600 pianos and 1400 radios came in from all over New England to cheer up our boys in camp.

YD Son Killed in Action Wrote to Father – "I Can't Savvy Guys Like Ted Williams"

Cambridge, Mass.
May 22, 1942.

Dear Editor:

As a former wounded member of the ONLY National Guard regiment to have its Colors decorated in the first World War, I feel as though I might be forgiven by former YD men for being bitter at all the publicity by your Boston papers, to the enlistment of Ted Williams. He may be well thought of in your Boston papers, but the Boys that were on Bataan had a different slant on it. It is for that reason alone, that I reveal some of the contents of this *sacred* letter that I miraculously received, showing that one of many did not stand on their "technical rights" for deferment for service in the Army. It is with reverence that I reveal some of the contents of a letter word for word as written to me by my first born, my son.

He was 21 years old, was on a part time basis of work and school in a mid-western city a year ago last summer. He enlisted in the local National Guard Unit, was called out, assigned to a combat Tank Unit, went South for training under a former YD man, Major Smith, thence to the Philippines. On April 20th, 1942 I received a telegram from the War Dept. to the effect that my son had been killed in action. I make no attempt to describe my feelings at such news. By a strange, frightening quirk of fate, on the 7th day of this month, I received a letter from my boy, that he had written in March. Of course this letter I will cherish forever and never let it out of my hands, as its contents will never be read by anyone except his mother and myself.

The words of his letter that follow are written to show the point of view of two kids who were ready to die. Beginning at a point in his letter after the personal parts to his Mother and I and how he received an old newspaper containing Williams classification, it goes as follows: — "and Pop don't think that I am kicking (as per usual says you) but I cannot savvy guys like Ted Williams not getting in the service, or DiMaggio or any others like them who surely have enough money and no dependents in the true sense of the word, of course I suppose they can stand on their rights and wait until they are drafted (which maybe will be after the season closes). Pop, we don't stand on our technical rights down here (you can't stand up at all) but only hope that we can stop the "Monkeys" and glad of the chance to do so.

"Lefty Davis and I while 'laying to' the other night were talking about the time I got the ball from Eddie Collins and how every active member of the Sox autographed it and then he let us sit in his box to watch the game. At that time, that was the biggest day in my life, especially when Collins called the 'Kid' over and he talked with us. Well Pop, Lefty and I felt pretty sheepish about hero-worshipping a guy like that, and in my closet on the shelf you will find a box where I put all my things until I get home, in it you will find the ball. Now, Pop, if Ted Williams, or any others like him that can, but don't sign up, please blot their names off that ball, they should be in there playing in a real game, a real worlds series, where if you are put out, it does not mean first base. No. Pop, not bitter, just disappointed." — end of copy, as letter from here on is personal and of no interest to anyone but me.

For obvious reasons I remain anonymous, therefore I am mailing this in Boston, another reason is that I have been a poor YD organization man, but I will correct that at once. When I read your Boston sports writers hailing the (sometime in the future) enlistment of "The Kid" I get sick to my stomach and wonder if you YD men in Boston attend the ball game and cheer him on.

"Ex-Doughboy".

(Ed. Note. — Dear Comrade: Words are futile, inadequate things with which to express our sympathy. Go to your local YD Chapter. You'll find real friends there. There's just one name for a slacker, but we can't print it.

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REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE Y.D.V.A.

To all members of the YD Veterans Association:

Your Nominating Committee met in the YD Memorial Clubhouse, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass., on Sunday, April 19, 1942 and selected the following candidates for election to office at the Twenty-third Annual Convention in Springfield, Mass., on June 25, 26, 27 and 28.

FOR THE OFFICE OF

National Commander
BENJAMIN A. BOURN, (101st M.G.B.)
(Hartford Chapter, Dept. of Conn.)

National Chaplain
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(New York Chapter, Dept. U. S.)

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JOHN J. GOSS (103rd Ambulance Co.)
(Hartford Chapter, Dept. of Conn.)

National Americanization Officer
DAVID SWARTZ (102nd Ambulance Co.)
(Detroit Chapter, Dept. of U. S.)

National Service Officer
FRANK W. COPPINGER (101st Engineers)
(Boston Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

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JAMES E. MCMAHON, (103rd Inf.)
(Waterville Chapter, Dept. of Maine)

National Vice Commander for N. H.
MICHAEL ZALUKI, (103rd Inf.)
(Keene Chapter, Dept. of N. H.)

National Vice Commander for Vermont
ALFRED E. ROBERTS, (103rd Inf.)
(Rutland Chapter, Dept. of Vt.)

National Vice Commander for Rhode Island
JOSEPH L. BOURGET, (103rd M.G.B.)
(Apremont Chapter, Dept. of R. I.)

National Vice Commander for Massachusetts
LEON W. VARNAM, (101st F.A.)
(Lynn Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Vice Commander for Connecticut
LAWRENCE E. LINDGREN, (102nd F.A.)
(Willimantic Chapter, Dept. of Conn.)

National Vice Commander for Dept. U. S.
WILLIAM A. FORSYTHE, (103rd M.G.B.)
(Philadelphia Chapter, Dept. of U. S.)

Three Additional Members
National Executive Committee

JOHN W. DUNLAP, (104th F.A.)
Manchester Chapter, Dept. of N. H.)

PAUL L. HUTCHINS, (103rd Inf.)
(Washington Chapter, Dept. of U. S.)

RANDOLPH DARLING, (103rd F.A.)
(Apremont Chapter, Dept. of R. I.)

Above candidates respectfully submitted:

AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, Chairman, (Mass.)
LAWRENCE H. COOK, (R. I.)
JOHN W. DUNLAP, (N. H.)
EDGAR F. MILLER, (Conn.)
J. FRED SHAW, (Maine)
WILLIAM H. CUDWORTH, (Vt.)
JOSEPH C. MCGLONE, (U. S.)

The above slate of officers selected for presentation at the National Convention to be held in Springfield, Mass., were chosen after serious deliberation by the Nominating Committee.

Several names were put before the committee for discussion and it might be said that each and every name presented would have been an ideal leader for the Y.D.V.A. However only one man can be chosen and the problem before the committee was to select the right one. Therefore care and time were taken to bring forth qualifications of each and thrash out a final decision.

We believe we have succeeded in presenting a man for our new National Commander who will prove our judgment was sound.

In selecting Vice Commanders from the various depts. in each case the man is previously selected by his dept. and therefore the Nominating Committee confirms the selection.

The Nominating Committee accepts the suggestion of the 1941 Nominating Committee to the effect that the office of National Historian should be made permanent.

We hope the slate of candidates selected meets with the approval of the members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

AUSTIN APPLEBY, P.N.C.
Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

June 3, 1942

DEPT. OF ME.	
Cumberland	11
Farmington	6
Lewiston	6
Waterville	20
At Large	19
	62
DEPT. OF N. H.	
Concord	1
Franklin	0
Keene	24
Manchester	7
Nashua	33
Rochester	10
Triangle	22
At Large	8
	105
DEPT. OF VT.	
Brattleboro	6
Burlington	0
Montpelier-Barre	4
Rutland	5
St. Albans	5
Morrisville	8
At Large	7
	35
DEPT. OF MASS.	
Beverly	18
Boston	342
Concord	36
Brockton	6
Danvers	21
Fitchburg	87
Foxboro	7
Haverhill	39
Holyoke	0
Lawrence	14
Lowell	24
Lynn	107
Marlboro	22
Milford	32
New Bedford	71
Reading	25
Salem	18
Springfield	68
Worcester	80
At Large	41
	1058
DEPT. OF R. I.	
Apremont	142
Kent County	33
Providence	60
At Large	0
	235
DEPT. OF CONN.	
Bridgeport	14
Bristol	102
Hartford	151
Manchester	41
Meriden	66
Middletown	26
New Britain	33
New Haven	76
New London	12
Norwalk	19
Stamford	21
Terryville	0
Torrington	0
Valley	4
Wallingford	12
Waterbury	2
Willimantic	52
At Large	2
	613
DEPT. OF U. S.	
Chicago	20
Cleveland	29
Denver	0
Detroit	4
Los Angeles	6
New York	90
Philadelphia	11
Washington	13
Life Members	37
At Large	74
GRAND TOTAL	2392

MEET ME IN SPRINGFIELD — THE DATE
JUNE 25, 26, 27, 28

YD SONS IN SERVICE

John R. Moran, Jr.
Fleet Sound School U. S. Navy
Son of John R. Moran
Pawtucket Chapter Y.D.V.A.
Served with Company A 101st Supply Train

Sgt. John P. Bergin
B Co. 101st Engineers
Son of John J. Bergin
B. Co. 101st Amm. Train

Pvt. Robert Carlos
849 QMC, 11th Air Corps Group
Ogden Air Depot, Utah
Son of George Carlos, Bridgeport Chapter
H. Co., 102nd Infantry

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY REUNION AND BANQUET OF THE 101ST U. S. INFANTRY, A.E.F.

The main banquet hall of the Hotel Bradford was filled to overflowing on Saturday night, May 2, 1942, when the members of the 101st U. S. Infantry, A.E.F., their wives, children and friends assembled to celebrate the 25th anniversary of that organization.

It was not just another reunion and banquet marking the 25th milestone in the march of progress of a military organization but with our beloved country at war, that fact impressed itself on the gathering, which thrilled to the eloquent and sincere utterances of gifted speakers and a patriotic fervor flamed high in the heart of each person present as the accomplishments of the old outfit were recounted as well as those of the present outfit now on active duty.

The gathering made quite a picture. The uniforms of numerous military and veterans organizations, including the good old YD, the charming ladies all dolled up, flags and other decorations on the tables, with red, white and blue predominating in the national colors and Jimmie Ryan's orchestra giving a swell performance on the stage.

The guests included 20 men from the U. S. Navy, 20 men from the U. S. Marines, 20 men from the Coast Guard and 40 men from the present 101st U. S. Infantry, all service men now on active duty, who honored the occasion by their presence and excellent demeanor.

JOHN W. COUGHLIN (K Co.), President of the regimental association, introduced as toastmaster, that gallant old soldier, Colonel VINCENT BREEN (C Co.), now in command of the 26th Infantry Regiment, Mass. State Guard, who immediately proposed a toast to the Commander-in-Chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, which was followed by the gathering singing the national anthem.

A very impressive patriotic tableau was presented in honor of the memory of all departed comrades. With all the lights dimmed, spotlights were flashed on the pictures of General Clarence R. Edwards, General Edward L. Logan and Private Michael Perkins, the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Harry Downing rendered in fine voice that old favorite ballad, "My Buddy" followed by Utis Madden who recited in his usual excellent style that masterpiece of his own composition, "A Hero Every One" and then Mrs. William J. Hall sang "God Bless America". Even the hardest boiled old timer had a lump in his throat long before the end of this excellent performance.

Another highlight of the evening was a stirring patriotic address by John W. McCormack M.C., Majority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, who called upon all the citizens of this great nation to do their bit and make sure that this generation would not be the first to fail in a national emergency.

The old gang and their friends were also thrilled by the eloquence and sincerity of Col. Paul G. Kirk, present Commander of the 101st U. S. Infantry, who during his remarks stated, "Unlike you men, we have no scroll to present, as yet, reciting our occomplishments in battle, our test is yet to come, but I promise you on behalf of the splendid young men in my command that we shall keep the faith, we shall fight the good fight and uphold the great traditions of the 101st U. S. Infantry."

Mayor Maurice J. Tobin in his usual eloquent manner gave praise to the 101st Infantry Regiments, both the old and the new, and again demonstrated his great interest in and loyalty to the old outfit and its present successors.

Mrs. Cecilia Logan, widow of the late commander of the 101st Infantry, A.E.F., was a special guest of honor as was her son.

Other speakers included: State Commander Albert Sears, (H Co.) Disabled American Veterans; State Commander Joseph Peterson (104th Infantry) Veterans of Foreign Wars; President Albert Pacifici (B Co.) YD Club of Boston; Judge Advocate Harold Field, American Legion, Dept. of Mass.; Rev. Osias Boucher, (101st Infantry A.E.F., 26th Inf. Mass. State Guard).

Mayor John C. Carr of Medford; Mayor William Bennett of Worcester; Mayor Arthur Hansen (F Co.) of Waltham; Hon. John T. Comerford (Mch. Gun Co.).

Major General Thomas F. Foley (G Co.), (Mass. State Guard); Commander John Sheehan, 9th Infantry M.V.M.; Commander Eugene

Hamilton (104th Infantry A.E.F.); President John W. Coughlin, (101st Infantry A.E.F.).

In the Program Book each company in the old outfit had space allotted for a memorial to their departed comrades, the memory of whom shall never die in the hearts of their buddies in the Great Adventure known as World War I.

"Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."

General Chairman James J. Powers (H Co.) and his committee performed a wonderful job and the 25th Anniversary Reunion and Banquet of the old outfit is generally regarded as the most successful socially and financially of a long line of social events conducted by that quiet and unassuming group of veterans known as the 101st Infantry Veterans Association, A.E.F.

OUR MEMBERSHIP UP IN SPITE OF WAR

Members of YDVA are going back into service constantly, hundreds of others are putting in long hours in defense industries and the rest are hampered by gas rationing and tires wearing thin. In spite of all this our membership roster remains constant and is practically the same as the final report of June, 1941.

This is a tribute to YDVA because this is the year when the unthinking might take any one of several good excuses to remain away from meetings or fail to pay up. It is our considered opinion that in spite of hell or high water the average YDVA member has a loyalty that 90% of our congressmen might envy — and emulate and he holds it a privilege to keep this great organization together. As our Taps column records those of us who go along ahead, it would seem that the flame burns the more steadily and brightly for those of us who try to carry on.

NEXT DOINGS COPY DUE JULY 10th for July-August Issue

GENERAL JONATHAN WAINWRIGHT

Give praise to MacArthur; panegyrics galore,
Laudations to all of his corps;
Yet, reserve some for Wainwright and hail with acclaim
The Defender of Corregidor.

While his fortress was blasted from air and the sea
With merciless pounding and shock,
A world heard the breathless, astonishing news
Of Wainwright's men holding the Rock.

They held though the Nipponese cannon and bombs
Brought havoc, destruction and death;
Those Battling Bastards of gory Bataan
Fought on with their blood, tears and sweat.

When the Flag fluttered downward, Wainwright was there,
And what did he tell his proud race?
"If captured I, too, will share all of the lot
That my men will so bravely embrace.

For my conscience will not let me leave them behind,
My place is with them, and I'll stay;
Americans all, we will leave like we fought,
As defenders of Manila Bay.

Let history record this courageous event,
That Wainwright stayed on with his force;
A distinction for him, through a star-spangled land,
Will echo while Time runs its course.

Again, praise MacArthur, thank God for his name,
Laudations to all of his corps;
Yet, reserve some for Wainwright, be proud of this Man,
The Defender of Corregidor.

— Steve Walsh,
Battery E, 101st F.A.

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CLYDE BECKWITH, Conn. Dept. Secretary, writes that the next State meeting will be June 14, probably at Loring's Grove, Yatesville, as Meriden Chapter will be host. We hope DOINGS will be out in time to make this notice effective.

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We are informed that LEON F. DENIS of Lynn Chapter has been commissioned a 1st Lt. in the Mass. State Guard and will be Supply Officer of the 29th Infantry.

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Chapter Commander WALTER B. SMITH, Manchester, N. H., writes they had a grand turn-out for Memorial Day.

What Has Your Duty in YD Meant to You?

Dear Editor:—

We, the men, of the YD need not your dam'd old Dictionary as we have no desire to improve upon the cursing and swearing we learned while serving with the YD in France. We need not your Cook Book — because it does not contain the diet that would cure the stomach trouble we're suffering from. Furthermore, we need not your Encyclopedia because the answers to our questions are not there-in.

To any of you old YD boids who can answer my questions I will gladly give you a prize worth writing for. Think of it, Comrade. An almost brand new inner tube with three patches on it and a couple of slow leaks. I absolutely guarantee it. Tell me, men, where are the YD men in 1942 with whom we served in 1917-18? Where are the men of yesterday with whom we shared our butts, grub and dough? Where are the men of 17-18 who wallowed in the mud and the stench of their own blood? Where are the YD men who promised faithfully that they would never forget the men who paid the Supreme Sacrifice? Where are the YD men who once stood at the "Bar of Drinks" tilted their glasses and solemnly pledged that they would never forget the men with whom they served? No, Comrade Redfield, we need not your books as the answers to these questions.

If I had a good dictionary, cook book or an encyclopedia I would will it to some very good friend who knows nothing about war or the comradeship of men. On one of the blank pages I would inscribe the following notation — I served with the YD division in France. The experience derived from the same has never been forgotten. The memories of the men with whom I served has always been a pleasant thought. Their heroism, devotion to duty and self sacrifice is something I cannot explain in words. Experience, my friend is the best teacher. In the time of war men fight, die and shed their blood and stick together protecting one another. When war is over they return home to enjoy the plaudits of a quick-forgetting public.

The hard part of life is "To remember." The easy way out is "To forget." Like the rest of you there is a lot of things that happened at Chemin Des Dames, Toul, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Meuse Argonne that we all like to forget. Then again, there is something that we should remember. Pause for a moment. Think of it. Yes, even their names come back to mind. Your Buddy and my Buddy who lies "Over There" and "Over Here" sleeping peacefully under those white crosses. The faithful today still revere their memory. The unfaithful have forgot that they once lived.

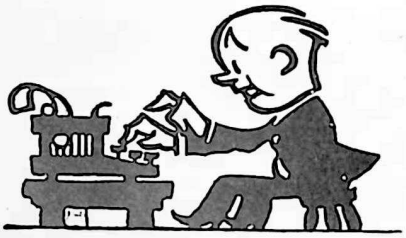
What has your duty in YD meant to you? Well, I can't answer your question as to whether or not you ever received from your experience with the YD a material or a spiritual value. You, and you alone, can answer that question. What's my answer? Well, that's easy. Twenty-five years later from out of the hell and the horror of war in France I have lived to see the faithful still marching and carrying on. To them I owe a word of thanks. To the originators of YANKEE DOINGS, editors, past and present, I can but pat on the back. To you, you, and you, Brass Hats and Tin Hats who have so graciously given of your time to keep alive the exploits of a great YD. I owe a deep debt of gratitude. To you 4026 members of 1941 I can but salute you as your membership in this post war YD of ours has been but a tribute to the men with whom you served. Greater than that it has been your Decoration of Honor conferred upon that great body of YD men how in Valhalla, your buddy and mine. From their lofty perch above they are saying, "Carry on, thy true and faithful servants, carry on for the good of the old YD as you are the men who have not forgotten.

Yours in Comradeship,

— Hinky Dinky,
Providence Chapter.

A. P. O.

The veterans of Vermont are burning up, and with good reason, because the state tax dept. is the only one in the Union that has refused to permit cigarettes to be purchased tax-free if they are sent to boys in the service. Tax Commissioner Harvey deserves something for his bone-headed stand and when he comes up for re-election he'll probably get it from the veterans up there.



BURSTS!

If you have a good one—send it in.

Johnny played truant from school one day, and the following morning was worried as to how to square himself with the teacher. He decided to write a note of excuse, signing his mother's name, which resulted in the following:

"Dear Teacher: Please excuse Johnny for being absent yesterday. I tore my pants. Yours truly, Mrs. Jones.

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A group of parachutists were receiving their final instructions before going up.

"Now remember," said the instructor, "what you have to do. When your turn comes, jump through the hole, count 10, then pull the rip-cord. If the parachute doesn't open, count 10 again and pull the rip-cord again. When you reach land, you'll find motorcycles waiting, guns and equipment."

Up they went in the plane. Number 5's turn came. He dived through, counted 10 and pulled the cord. Nothing happened, so he counted 10 a second time, and pulled the cord again. Still nothing happened.

"Just like the Army!" he muttered. "No organization. When I get down I suppose there won't be any motorcycles!"

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Stepping out of a luxurious car, a middle-aged woman, dressed in expensive furs, approached the sentry and asked if she could speak to her soldier son.

"He is a tall young man," she explained, "rather good-looking, with blue eyes, and called Clarence Montmorency."

The sentry stopped her. "I know," he said. Then, putting his head round the guard-room door, he shouted: "Hi, Stinker, you're wanted."
—Montreal Star.

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WE'RE EXPECTING YOU WITH YOUR FAMILY.

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A. P. O.

Chapters can applaud and envy the efforts of one small woman in Nashua, N. H., Mrs. Alice LaFlame, who organized the Ladies' Auxiliary in that city a year ago and in eleven months got 79 Paid Members. Twenty-five have uniforms and expect still more by convention time. She is the wife of PETE LAFLAME, ex-supply sergeant of B Co., 103rd Mach. Gun Bat'n.

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One of our YD heroes, George Dilboy, was honored in Chicago on May 25th when Senator Wayland Brooks spoke at the unveiling of the George Dilboy Memorial on the grounds of the Hines Hospital in Maywood, Ill.

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One of the best buglers of the old YD is back in service again. He is W. HAROLD PAGE, who blew Taps at the funeral services for General Edwards in Arlington Cemetery. He used to blast Co A, 101st Engineers out of their billets and has reported at Camp Devens, slated for foreign service.

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Major MCCARTHY of the old Fighting Ninth can throw his chest out at least a mile and a half these days. His son, 1st Lt. Francis P. has been decorated for his part in the defence of Midway Island as a member of the Marine Corps Air Service.

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Two months ago we ran an item stating that JOSEPH D. CERAT of Haverhill, Mass., has a son in the service and that Dad was dying to take a crack at the Japs too. Joe was a cook with Headquarters, 51st Brigade, after serving with the cavalry in 1904 and a re-enlistment in 1907 with the same outfit. In 1910 he signed up with the 83rd Coast Art., and newspapers of late have run several articles on this warhorse who was bound to get back in. The pay-off comes from a Haverhill Chapter member, Dr. MERRITT F. GARLAND who writes, "JOE CERAT, 61, went into the army again today, (May 20), and left for First Corps Area for assignment". Need we say more?

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ALEX M. SINSKIE, Co. I, 102nd Inf., writes that his boy, Wallace J., of Danbury, Conn., has succeeded in joining the Canadian Air Corps after several unsuccessful attempts to get into our own service. He was 18 on May 19th and has been in service since April with the Polish section of the RCAF. He hopes to transfer to the U. S. when he is of age. Dad is a member of Norwalk Chapter and has plenty of reason to be proud. How about a picture of the lad for our "Sons of the YD in Service"?

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Lt. Col. IRVIN E. DEANE, former CO of Co. L, 103rd Inf., may have commanded the 31st U. S. Infantry at Bataan, according to a story in the Bangor Daily News of April 15, which was sent in by A. E. HOLDEN of Houlton, Me. It is of interest to note that the 31st Inf. has served on foreign service exclusively since it was organized in Manila in 1916 and has never been on home soil as a unit.

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WILLIAM F. HURLEY has announced his candidacy for State Treasurer of Mass. He enlisted at 17 and is one of our youngest YD men.

Come to the Convention

COMRADES!

Spend a few days at Springfield and go back to your work refreshed and ready to work harder than ever.

This will be a great Convention — a history making Convention and we want every comrade present.

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DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

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National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: William Cudworth, R.F.D. No. 1, Brattleboro, Vt.
Dep't. Secretary: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"
Commander: William Mould
1 King St., Barre, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

When one reads the newspapers and see all the squawking that some of our patriots are making in regard to gasoline. Brother, this is just the beginning of what is ahead of us. Remember this, Japan did not have hardly anything that was worthwhile. See what she has today, and don't forget she is not going to give them up without a fight. She has been without all these for years and if she can keep America away from her shores it is going to be a long while before we will have all the rubber, coffee and spices that we need.

Right outside my office is a hitching post and you ought to see the wagons and buggies that have assembled there. As for horses I have not seen so many since we used to deliver ammunition with Keville's Vermonters.

Congratulations to a hard YD worker, Major LEONARD J. MALONEY, who the papers say, has been called to Washington, D. C. for the duration.

We fellows up here, "Up in the sticks", as you city folks say, have more time to read the newspapers, but do not have the chance to see baseball, but we follow the boys as well as the horses.

To "Ted" Williams of the Boston Red Sox. Ted we salute you, you are what we always thought your were a real fellow and a true American. So in behalf of your rooters in these parts of the woods we wish you the best of luck in the navy all that we are sorry for is that you did not join the Army. You have a great Pal in Dave Egan (The Colonel) who writes the sport section of the Boston Record. Ted Williams can thank you a lot Dave for the way you defended him when the hounds were trying to ruin him when things were going against him.

You know fellows, spies are no different in this war than the last war we were in, the only difference is that there are more of them, they are smart for if they were not they would not get the assignment. So that is why I say we have to be on the lookout more to today than ever. If you see anyone who acts suspiciously notify the proper authorities. I, myself, am more worried about these fellows than I am about bombing by planes.

— JOSEPH G. ABAIR.

RUTLAND
Commander: Alfred E. Roberts
Manchester Depot, Vt.
Secretary: Charles Reed
121 Temple St., Rutland, Vt.

We have been inactive in Rutland lately, but are getting together soon to get the old gang started again. A few of the fellows are going to meet at Phil Rich's camp to make arrangements for the summer.

We are having a meeting soon to build up our chapter. Of course it is quite a job as you must know a lot of the fellows are on defense work and in the service, but we are going to stick even if we do not have our monthly meetings. I had a letter from Joe Abair from Montpelier about a little bet we had. Yes Joe will get his quart if he has a little patience and let us help him drink it.

The club attended the funeral of GEO. ELLIOTT of the 101st M.G.B., Sunday, May 17th. The YD men turned out in good numbers and I am sure the family appreciated it.

Prayers were held at the home at 2:30 P.M., and services held at the Methodist Church in Rutland. Burial held at Evergreen Cemetery.

Hope that Rutland will be well represented at the Convention.

I suppose some of our old YD men are in Australia and Northern Ireland by this time. Well here is wishing them the best of luck and hope they soon can get a rope around Hitler's neck. What do you think about those Russians fooling old Hitler? — FRANK R. SHEDD, Sec.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Albert J. Shepard, 2 Arrow St., Rochester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Edward S. LeBlanc, 59 Temple St., Nashua, N. H.

KEENE

Commander: Frederick T. Stone
Walpole, N. H.
Secretary: Harry L. Dunham
RFD No. 1, Keene, N. H.

Having just been installed as Sec. of the Keene Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. would like to send the following account of our last meeting.

The Keene, N. H. Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. held a meeting Tues. eve, May 12th in Legion Hall, and the following officers were installed by Past Nat. Historian LEROY CODDING.

Commander, FREDERICK T. STONE, Walpole, First Vice Commander, HARRY WORCESTER, West Swanzey; Second Vice Commander, MICHAEL MOYNIHAN, Terrace St., Keene; Chaplain, CLESSON BLAISDEL, 140 Winchester, Keene; Treasurer, JOHN L. SAUNDERS, 21 Pine Ave., Keene; Secretary, HARRY L. DUNHAM, RFD No. 1, Keene.

Our allotment toward the State Colors was $50. Said contribution toward same were solicited by a ticket system, lucky ticket holder to receive a $25 U. S. Saving bond, which drawing was held at this meeting. Lucky holder was the Secretary's daughter, Barbara Dunham.

— HARRY L. DUNHAM.

NASHUA

Commander: Fred Walker
206 Pine St., Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: Eugene A. LaFlame
20 Harvard St., Nashua, N. H.

The following men were installed into office of the Nashua Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

Commander, FRED WALKER; Senior Vice, WALTER M. PARKER; Junior Vice, CARLTON MORTON; Chaplain, EARL WILLIAMS; Treasurer, ALBERT POULIN; Sect., EUGENE A. LAFLAME; Sgt.-at-Arms, ALPHONSE TANGUAY; Historian, CHRIS ALFSEN; Trustees, NORMAN SPENCER, GEORGE M. FRENCH.

We were to have a Joint Installation last Sunday, May 17, but bad weather and gas shortage kept a lot of the members away, but we installed the Auxiliary.

— EUGENE A. LAFLAME.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Edward C. Maley, 21 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Thomas F. Crokan, R.F.D. No. 2, Springfield, Mass.

State Meeting — Milford

The regular meeting of the State Department was held at Milford, in the V.F.W. Hall. The meeting was called to order by Commander MALEY.

Prayer was offered by Department Chaplain SAUNDERS of Worcester.

Roll Call found Treasurer LYNCH of Haverhill. Service Officer H. GUY WATTS of Boston and Judge Advocate FRANK SMITH of Beverly absent.

A letter from the wife of General Fish thanking the Department for its rememberance at the time of his death was read.

Selectman John H. Henderson of the city of Milford was escorted to the platform by the Sgt.-at-Arms ROY COONS of Springfield.

Commander MALEY appointed Comrades ELLIOTT of Worcester, SHEA of Fitchburg, and BISHOP of Danvers to audit the books of Treasurer.

Motion to discharge the By-law Committee

was overruled and a new motion was made and seconded that the Committee be given authority to have the corrected by-laws printed and a copy sent to each Chapter. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that P. S. Commander be backed by the State Department for the Office of National Commander. Motion carried. Comrade when asked for his opinion said he had no objection to his name being presented.

Commander MALEY then appointed Comrade KNIGHT of Lynn and COONS of Springfield to draw up petition for the necessary signatures to have Comrade ELLIOTT's name on the ballot.

Motion made and seconded that the Judge Advocate be instructed to draw up a resolution to be presented to the National Convention abolishing the Nominating Committee and have all the nominations for National Officers be made from the floor. Motion carried.

Department Commander MALEY who had previously relinquished the Chair to Sr. Vice Commander VARNUM spoke very much in favor of the Chapters furnishing transportation to and from the State Department Meetings and that reports be duly presented to the Chapters.

Before the Commander left the Chair he presented Selectman Henderson to the Comrades and he brought the greetings of Milford to the Department.

Department Commander having the power to call a State Meeting at any time, invited the Department to Springfield for the June meeting. The Meeting is to be at the Hotel Charles at 2:30 P. M., June 7th.

P.S. The Milford Chapter surely lived up to its name on the regular lunch.

— THOS. F. CROKAN.

BOSTON

Commander: Albert M. Pacifici
77 Sycamore St., Somerville, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The May Smoker was held on Thursday, May 21st. DONALD R. MCAFEE who went overseas with Battery D, 101st Field Artillery, wounded at Belleau Woods, demobilized in France, July, 1919, was the speaker. He went into travel business, married and stayed in France. He is a Past V. C., American Legion, Dept. of France and Paris Post No. 1.

When World War No. 2 started in 1939 he saw mobilization at close range in the east of France, in Strasburg, Nancy and France. Was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant by Premier Daladier, in Foreign Legion, transferred to Colonial Artillery, hence to 21st Regiment, Colonial Infantry and was assigned to old Cligmancourt Barracks in Paris, whence he left on June 13, 1940, 12 hours before Nazis took over Paris. Went through last campaigns until Franco-German Armistice following which he lived among German Army of Occupation on so called "invasion" coast until return to U. S. in March, 1941.

Don held the members interested for two hours and they were reluctant to have him stop and kept plying him with questions even after he had left the hall.

Boston Auxiliary

We were sorry to learn of the death of Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Snape, in Cranston, R. I. on May 10th. Mother Snape was a Past President and a very capable and active member, and as many will recall, one of the oldest members of the Auxiliary. We regret indeed to learn of her passing.

A penny sale was held on June 8th at the home of Mrs. Nonie Nugent, Somerville. Our members have been doing grand work on the penny sales.

Sewing on hospital and bazaar articles is going apace, and meetings will continue to be held all during the summer months. Mrs. Agnes Lacasse, Chairman, says the Committee is still open to suggestions on bazaar work and of course it goes without saying, donations of sewing materials and fancy work will be gladly accepted.

The regular meeting on June 10th was the last until after the Summer months.

— Kay O'Donnell.

DANVERS

Commander: Paul Moore
5 Oak St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Well here we are out on a limb. We have had to call off our meetings at Mrs. Pike's, due to the gas rationing. We were scheduled to hold our May meeting at Mrs. Pike's, but we called it off. However, the boys are putting the bead on HAROLD WILLIAMS to give us a clam bake at his house in June, at which time we expect to install the newly elected officers and I think

Harold is weakening so it looks like a bang-up good time for us in June.

Am sending in two more renewals which brings our membership to 21. In writing last month's DOINGS I forgot to mention that Skimmy Chase's boy is in the Far East. Skimmy has had a lot of hard luck. He has just had the other leg taken off and is home again, but you can't get a YD guy down. He still has that old smile, Skimmy was with Battery E, 101st F.A. You boys who would like to see him or write to him, his address is CLARENCE CHASE, High St., Danvers, Mass.

We don't know yet how many of us will be able to go to Springfield, but there are some of us going including HAROLD, ERNIE, FOSSA, HARVEY, BISHOP and Yours Truly.

— C. W. DAVIS, Sec.

HAVERHILL

Commander: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chesnut St., Groveland, Mass.
Secretary: Ballard Crockett
19 West St., Haverhill, Mass.

All of the DOINGS readers must have had a chuckle out of the last editorial "How to get a commission—in three easy lessons." A chuckle and perhaps a curse. Ain't it the truth? And is Joe Cerat, Batt. A, 102 FA, the smart one — accepted AGAIN for Army duty and sent to Boston for assignment.

Stumbled onto a human-interest story the other day and here it is. NORMAN RIP EY, Co. F, 104th Inf. stepped into his home a short time ago to find his son, Donald, Coast Artillery, on furlough from Virginia. Everything going fine. Telephone very busy this day. Family sits down to dinner. If only the other boy, Norman, a Marine in North Carolina could be here now. Phone rings. There he is now! And sure it was. What a reunion. The marine was in a hurry but the old man says, "Take your time, son, this call is on me, talk to everybody if it takes the whole week's pay."

If our drum corps shows at Springfield it will be through the hard work of that committee and we have got to admit, fellers, that Ernie Meteyer has been a hard worker and hard thinker, along with the others. Alderman Thomas F. Monahan deserves a "bokay" for the hundred bucks that he raised through advertising and gave us.

Twenty-five years ago in the *Gazette:* Clement T. Waldron, top-lift manufacturer, enlists in Battery A and announces that he will sell or close up his business.

Recently the men were guests of the Auxiliary at their fourth anniversary party held at Hotel Whittier. Nice atmosphere. Very enjoyable time. We helped the manager close up the place that night, yes, tight.

Before gasoline was a problem, Florence and Perry Tarleton accompanied by Mattie and Ross Greenleaf were callers on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welch, 102 FA, Saco, Maine. They found Frank much better and with the advent of better weather, there is hope for further improvement.

"I Am An American" day exercises held in the auditorium, City Hall, was filled to capacity with veteran and other patriotic organizations. The American Legion posted the colors. Our commander PERRY TARLETON was selected as chief usher and had for his aides the commanders of other outfits. Very proper, don't you think, to make the YD the chief?

While this chapter has a high percentage at all its meetings, a tip has been handed the scribe as to why a good many of the comrades stay away: MIGHT GET PUT ONTO A COMMITEE. No, comrades, it is understood that defense work takes ungodly hours, the USO, the OCD, health or personal reasons are good. You won't be prodded. In fact, we have a crew that has time for this work. The skipper has a knack of accomplishing a lot in one hur, which we have to admit, is a short meeting. Let's see your faces.

Our treasurer, Francis Lynch, wasn't too bashful to take these dues and here are some that have been AWOL, for the best of reasons, no doubt: Col. Geo. W. Langdon, Jr., John Booth, Bill Martin, Clarence Tracy, Charlie Dam, Eddie Duchemin, Arthur Henderson, Jack Butler, Dewey Vincent, Leo Jolliker, Chet Brown, Major Harry B. Campbell, Eli Lagassee, Bill McCormick, Arthur Meteyer, Jerry Lynch, Martin Goyette, Clem Waldron, Clif Clancy, Harold Ferguson, Harry Tidd and Dave Tribman. Let's see yuh, when possible.

Battery A of 102 recently held their annual jamboree at the Elks rathskellar with the best turkey feed of all time. A tip to you outfits, see

Witham of Lynn. John Booth, President, was the toastmaster. Our distinguished guest was none other than John J. Butler, F 104 Inf., the Exalted Ruler. A few others graced the head table, Col. Langdon, Clem Waldron and Tarleton. Dewey Doucette (the duke) did his damnedest to have his say, as well as Gib Murphy, Arthur Henderson and his committee did a swell job. Take a bow.

—B. CROCKEET.

Haverhill Auxiliary

We have kept up our usual round of having something doing every night at the Dugout. During the past two months we have held two Rummage Sales, one for the benefit of the Drum Corps. Besides our usual Thursday night Whist Parties we have held two extra ones on Monday nights for the benefit of the Drum Corps, especially the Majorettes. The girls themselves held a cake sale at Mitchell & Co. Now with the sugar rationing putting a crimp into our baking we are having an Imaginary Sale at our next meeting.

Our Junior Vice-president reports that besides her usual calls and cards and fruit to the sick she sent Mother's Day cards to 46 YD Mothers.

The Auxiliary have established a practice of giving $5 to each son of a Chapter or Auxiliary member in the armed forces of the U. S. and have given gifts to the following: Robert Wightman, Norman Ripley, Donald Ripley, William Hughes and Earle W. Morton, in the past few months. (A grand idea. Editor).

The Auxiliary participated in the program for "I Am An American Day" with President Mattie Greenleaf acting as an usher and Sgt-at-Arms assisting in the Massing of the Colors.

Our meeting nights have been changed, starting next month, from the second and fourth Wednesday nights to the first and third. Also due to the fact that many of us will have to catch the last bus home at 11 P.M., unless they change their schedule, we are going to start the meetings at 7.30. Maybe! Perhaps that's one thing the gasoline ration will accomplish. Maybe we will start our meetings on time.

We are trying to keep our courage up and keep telling each other we will get to Springfield with the Drum Corps. See you there.

—F. L. TARLETON.

Lynn Auxiliary

We girls have had loads of laughs, good eats and lovely prizes at the various whist parties that have been run at the different homes during the past eight weeks under the supervision of our popular chairman, Estelle Philpott and her hive of busy bees. We will all be pleasantly surprised when Estelle gives in her final report of the various parties.

Dr. "Bob" Silva who has recently graduated as a Doctor of Podiatry is awaiting his call into the Medical Unit of Uncle Sam's great army. He will be with the Boston City Hospital Staff for overseas duty. His mother is Jeanette Schacht, an active club member. Are you? Right here I should warn any lady that is eligible for membership in this grand YD Auxiliary and doesn't take advantage of it is not treating herself right. Honest girls. I don't know where you can go and have so much fun for so little money.

Right now all eyes and minds are on the convention and we will be there strong. We had a grand time last year in Manchester and we feel sure Springfield will treat us just as well. How about it Springfield?

If any of the late thinkers decide to join our group for the convention they can contact our president Peg Connolly or Estelle Philpott, our Vice-president for the latest news of how we are going, when we are going—and we all know why we are going. To get together for another few days and meet again our husband's buddies and their wives—we girls all know it's the boys' convention but we looked forward to it as much if not more than they do.

Claude and Florence Hoag are going to celebrate their 25th anniversary in Springfield on June 27th and we all plan to help them—and we are a big help.

WORCESTER

Commander: Robert W. Vail
27 Bauer St., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., Worcester, Mass.

Everybody is putting their best effort into making this Memorial Day one to be long remembered by the citizens of this wonderful city, which is generally one of the first to forge to the front when any emergency arises.

The next meeting of this chapter is our annual before convention meeting, which means that we will have as a side issue ½ barrel of ?, along

with the side dishes that are put out by our one and only chef (When we were down on the border) Racicot. At this meeting also will be a guest speaker, one that few of the Comrades know, but will know more of before he gets through with his message.

In years past we have had this annual meeting with our Comrade Tom White at the brewery, but as long as he is no longer with them it will be held in the USWV rooms. We understand that Tom has a bid in for the Air Corps, if so here's hoping for the best for you Tom. I am sure your many friends will miss you when you leave.

As yours truly was endorsed by the Dept. of Mass. at the monthly meeting in Milford for National Commander, I am going to take these few minutes to tell my many friends not to worry too much about the success of my election but to put their best efforts into the passage of the resolution that is to be presented to the National Convention in Springfield. I believe that with the work they put into that resolution it will bear better fruit for them than my election. God bless you pals, and thanks a lot. Don't think that these remarks are sour grapes; but, who runs this wonderful organization? The comrades that pay their dues, or a select few of brass hats? If you don't believe what I say just attend one of our State meetings, and see how the boys feel.

Membership in this chapter is on the increase and much larger than what is published in the DOINGS. Several new applications have been accepted and re-ups are still coming in, thanks to the hard work on the part of a few of our comrades. One of the main points of interest in this chapter that helps to draw the attendance is the fact that the attendance prize is now at $25, and has been there for some time, so everybody is anxious to be the winner. Some of the names drawn have been those of members that generally attend but for some reason didn't show up for this meeting in particular. A member has to be present when his name is called to be a winner.

All officers of this chapter will be present at the National Convention in Springfield as it was so voted at the last meeting. As convention headquarters will be at the Charles Hotel you can rest assured that many of the boys will travel by train as long as everything is now rationed; just think — jump out of the train and jump into the Hotel.

"Sights seen along the main drag," Fred (101) Jones building a hen house or is it a dog house. Gene (104th) Gilliam seen sunning himself in front of the door on Commercial St. . . . Bill (101st) Latham waiting for the 6.15 to come rolling down the line—hurry drop those gates—Ernie (104th) Parent now finally located on the West Side . . . The large number of Pals that attended the party that was given to our comrade Ted (104th) Noyes; Boston, Danvers, Lynn, Worcester and a couple of Marines . . . George Demers convalescing at home following his accident in Boston . . . Fred (104th) Falk trying to get his lower teeth out so that he might enjoy some food . . . Some fishermen in this chapter ask Harold (104th) Nute . . . More power to Len Maloney in relinquishing the Bronze that was to be used in the General Edwards tablet in Hartford, we understand Len . . . What's all the excavation for down there in Hartford near Asylum St. . . . Inducted or drafted which, ask John (104th) Yess . . . Leave it to the Marines to bawl things up . . . George (104th) Bennett can vouch for that.

Watching the boys waiting for lunch while the numbers are being drawn . . . The number that have cut out sugar at our monthly lunches . . . Wondering who to pick on next . . . Glad to see William (101st) Murphy once in awhile . . . Austy (101st) Kennedy walking around with a bum back . . . Ed (104th) Bird wanting the boys to use their best judgment in turning out Memorial Day.

Well, time is getting short so will close hoping to see a large crowd at the convention.

—C. O. E.

YD NATIONAL CONVENTION — SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JUNE 25-6-7-8

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Clarence W. Geer, 60 Olsen Court, Bridgeport, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

State Meeting — Middletown

In spite of rain there were eleven chapters represented at the State Meeting on May 17, eight of them headed by their commanders.

Commander PHIL FRAY of Bridgeport reported over 100 at their Seicheprey dinner on May 2; Bristol reports 100% membership (103) and $1700 in the treasury; Commander JOHN CARTER of Hartford reports winning second leg on Phil Sanborn trophy, Victory parades with the YD Junior corps at Hartford on May 12 and at Manchester on May 15, Memorial services at Soldiers Field on May 27, and dedication of General Edwards statue on May 30; Manchester reports YD took active part in Victory parade on May 15 at which Hartford YD Junior corps scored a big hit, leading the veterans division, refreshments afterwards at Army & Navy Club, also planning to enter Horribles parade at the Convention.

Meriden's report by Commander MARTIN CUMMINGS showed donations of $25 each to Salvation Army, Red Cross, and Paralysis Fund; Commander JOE KOLINSKY of Middletown reports chapter still giving breakfasts for groups of boys going into service, members attended Comrade FAULKNER's funeral; Commander ALBERT SMITH of New Haven states chapter will carry out its own program for Memorial Day in addition to taking part in dedication at Hartford; Commander BARNEY CLARK of Norwalk says chapter will carry on as usual on Memorial Day.

ALBERT BAKER, Stamford's commander, says chapter will be at Hartford for dedication; Father Anderson reported Waterbury's Seicheprey dinner at Hotel Elton, at which Secretary BECKWITH was a guest, was carried out with effective ceremony; Commander LAPAN of Windham County Chapter reports 18 attended Comrade HARLOWE funeral, chapter meets alternately at Willimantic, Norwich, and Danielson.

Illness: GOSELIN, PRYOR, and CURRANO of Bristol at Newington and BAILEY at Bronx Hospital; CHARBONNEAU of New Haven and MOSELEY of Manchester at Newington, also Cap WHITNEY of Norwalk; Col. BILL SHANIHAN of Waterbury about to have a second eye operation.

Committees: (1) General Edwards Memorial. BEN BOURN announces YDVA will assemble at A. L. Home at Main and Wyllys streets at 11 A. M., PNC ROYAL K. HAYES will be speaker. (2) General John Henry Parker testimonial dinner at Convention. HIRSCH asks chapters to push tickets. Every chapter commander has them. Send returns to Fred Hirsch, 139 Foster St., New Haven. (3) Who's Who in YD. DUBE says proof copy complete and up to date, booklet ready to issue.

New Business: Nominations. Committee failed to agree. Commander GEER calls for nominations from floor, after Commander CUMMINGS of Meriden pleas for unity regardless of outcome. For Dept. Commander: LINDGREN nominated by PSC HALL, seconded by KOLINSKY of Middletown; HIRSCH nominated by DUBE, seconded by Commander AL SMITH of New Haven; BECKWITH nominated by PSC THOMPSON, seconded by WILL SALLADIN of Bristol. LINDGREN elected by ballot, polling 2/3 of votes. On a rising vote BECKWITH was elected SVC after HIRSCH withdrew his name from consideration, and EARL LYON of New London was unopposed for JVC. Other officers elected, WALTER BOARDMAN, treas. (presented by nominating committee); Chaplain, Father ANDERSON of Waterbury re-elected; Service officer, Commander KOLINSKY of Middletown re-elected; Americanization officer, Dr. SPRAGUE of Bridgeport re-elected; Judge Advocate, General JOHN HENRY PARKER (presented by KOLINSKY); Historian, PSC RAY KINCAID of Bristol (presented by PSC BILL THOMPSON).

HIRSCH announces that further donations for memorial at Yale Field to the birth of 102nd Infantry will be gladly received. Also New Haven Chapter will furnish at cost more stationery for Newington patients for any chapter which desires to assist in this project.

It was voted to accept Meriden's offer for the June state meeting which will be held at the A.L. Home on Colony Street.

— CLYDE G. BECKWITH,
Dept. Secretary.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: John P. Fray
162 Colony St., Fairfield, Conn.
Secretary: Sam Marcus
382 Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

The Bridgeport Chapter expects to go to town with its new slate of officers.

A joint installation was held at the V.F.W. Ball Rooms and the following officers were installed by State Department Commander Clarence Geer:

Commander, JOHN PHIL FRAY; 1st Vice Commander, GEORGE CARLOS; 2nd Vice Commander, SAM ZOLO; Secretary, SAM MARCUS; Treasurer, JOSEPH WYNKOOP; Chaplain, HERB RICKYL; Sgt-at-Arms, FRED COLLIER; Trustees, MARTY NORUB, Dr. CHARLES SPRAGUE and F. BERGERON.

Assisting Commander GEER at the installation was Commander FRED HIRSCH of New Haven, who acted as Sgt.-at-Arms. Also present was HENRY DUBE, secretary of the New Haven Chapter who gave a fine talk after the installation.

Our annual Seicheprey banquet was a huge success. Jimmy Morrell acted as M. C., our grand and most beloved comrade Major Charles Sprague was the principal speaker. His son, Lt. Colonel Charles Sprague was reported missing in action when he led his squadron over the battle of Bali in the Java sector. He received the D.S.C. for many exploits in that battle. We all pray that he is well somewhere.

Many from out of town were present, Commander Marty Cummings of the Meriden Chapter, with a large delegation; State Secretary, Clyde Beckwith; Commander Fred Hirsch, Henry Dube, Floyd Becker of the New Haven Chapter, Chief Thomas Flynn of the Bridgeport Fire Department.

Hope to see you all in Springfield.

—SAM MARCUS.

HARTFORD

Commander: John C. Carter
28 Cortland St., Elmwood, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.

There has been so much doing down here in Hartford throughout the year and especially at present that a fellow can not keep up with his work. Reunions, dances, memorial exercises, dedication of the General Edwards Statue at the State Capitol and then the big convention at Springfield.

Membership has been coming along pretty good but we are not going to let down until we pass that 300 mark. Meetings have been well attended for the pot of gold is a feature so it will be worth while fellows to drop around.

Two more of our members have gone back into service, Andrew Riga, as Captain in the Air Corps and Eddie Dion, of Hartford Police has received a commission in the Military Police Intelligence.

No doubt there will be many more before long that will be adding some more service stripes to the uniform.

We intend to enter the Horribles parade in Springfield, so get an outfit (anything) and be in the party.

Again this chapter has been honored with the nomination of our past commander Ben Bourn as national commander. Ben has done some fine work for Hartford and the Department and he will do a fine job as national commander. Let's get behind Ben with a good turnout.

—JOHN J. GOSS.

MANCHESTER

"Epieds Chapter"
Commander: Ernest R. Peterson
239 E. Middle Turnpike, Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith
12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

JVC Andy Holzheimer has his gang lined up for the Horribles at the Convention. The new costumes should be very becoming.

SVC Dave McCollum, Captain of Co. H, Conn. State Guard, is back at work after a long trip to Newington Hospital. Lieutenants Chet Pirie and Harry Mathiason, both YD men, carried on while Dave was laid up.

PC Art McCann was marshal of our On-to-Victory parade on May 15. Hartford's Junior corps led the veterans division in our best parade in many years and scored a big hit. Our chapter donated refreshments at the Army & Navy Club for the boys and girls of the corps after the parade. Secretary Beckwith acted as auxiliary police aide. Jeff Blanchard had charge of th Army & Navy Club first aid station.

Sunday, May 24th, we joined with other vet-

eran organizations at Center Church for the annual memorial church service.

On May 30th we will parade in Manchester and then go to Hartford for the parade there and dedication of General Edwards statue. Thanks to PC Bill Shields, our color bearer, the battle streamers on the YD banner have been cleaned and pressed.

—See-Bee.

MERIDEN

Commander: Martin J. Cummings
89 Randolph Av., Meriden, Ct.
Secretary: Clarence A. Roys
87 North Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.

Looking forward to the YD National Convention at Springfield and making plans to get there — wondering about the gas and transportation — figuring on how to get a couple of days off — gotta get to that Convention this year somehow — these are some of the thoughts of the YD gang around here.

The Chapter has already arranged for its own Headquarters at the Charles Hotel for June 25, 26, 27 and 28, so look us up when you get to Springfield.

Had a good and lively May meeting. Treasurer's report showed $392.68 balance. Not bad, at all. Congratulations to our Walt Boardman, recently chosen as Treasurer of the Conn. State Dept. The Chapter voted to purchase solid gold Past Commanders' badges, and these will be presented at a special Past Commanders' meeting to the following YD men who have played such an important part in the building of our Meriden Chapter:

Frank Higgins, Edward Leck, Walter Boardman, Harry Adams, Stanley Rakowski and Walter Knox.

Sam Marcus of Bridgeport attended our May meeting. Sam takes care of YD uniform requirements down this way and does a good job. About eight of the boys ordered uniforms from Sam, so we should have a snappy looking platoon or two at the Convention.

Memorial Day promises to draw a large crowd to Hartford, where a monument of Major General Edwards is to be dedicated.

Our Chapter will be host to the State Dept. on June 14, and on July 12 we expect to have our Annual YD Outing, of which more details later.

Membership as of this writing stands at 52, but this afternoon we are going out to collect some more dues, so we'll make this prophecy, that when you read these lines there will be at least 88 paid members. Our goal is 125.

— Clarence Roys, Sec.

NEW BRITAIN

S.-V. Commander: Herbert Brann
25 Westerly St., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: James W. Greene
17 Uncas Road, New Britain, Conn.

On Monday evening, April 20th, a Seicheprev Day party was held at the Alpine Hutte and it proved to be one of the finest get-togethers the Chapter has promoted.

It was great to see how the boys turned out with their wives and friends. Those attending with their wives were — Building Inspector Clarence Callahan, Sanitary Inspector Dewey Selander, Jack Suess, Tony Pechout, Eddie Green, Jimmy Greene, Jerry Crean, Henry Overstrom, Stanley Gadzik, Harold Ventres, Ed. Toomey, Cap Griswold, Brainard Brown, and Eddie Seery. Those who attended stag were — Dan Silva, Eric Olson, Sam Kaminski, Morris Solomon, Bobby Glossop, Joseph "Geezer" McDermott, Eddie Martin, Herb Brann, and Mathew Kokoszka. The Ambassador from New Britain, Rod Chamberlain, left a Defense Council meeting long enough to contribute toward the party.

Mary Kenney and Hazel Fleischauer, widows of two of our former members attended. They never forget the old YD. Mrs. Kenney has a son in the Marines. Stanley and Mrs. Gadzik have two sons in our Navy. Leo and Mrs. Shumsky have a son in the Navy. James and Mrs. Post have a son in the Army.

Mayor-Elect Quigley, who as Mayor of the City in 1917, saw some of the boys off — attended the party and spoke. He surely stands in fine with the Veterans from New Britain.

Eddie and Mrs. Seery — who were residing in Paris when the Nazis entered, came over from Hartford with Eddie and Mrs. Greene and spoke of conditions in France when they left. They are still certain that the French people are 100 percent with the United Nations and when the right time arrives, will prove their loyalty. "Eddie" Jennings, proprietor of the Arrow Head Grill, came to the party and contributed generously toward our expenses. Some of you YD

boys should visit Eddie's place. He is a regular fellow. Dewey Selander acted as toastmaster.

On Thursday evening, May 7th, the State S.V.C. BENJAMIN BOURN of Hartford, installed our new officers. The new officers are — Commander, HERBERT BRANN; Senior Vice, SAMUEL KAMINSKI; Junior Vice, DANIEL SILVA; Chaplain MORRIS SOLOMON; Sgt.-at-Arms, ERIC OLSON, D.S.C.; Secretary-Treasurer, JAMES W. GREENE; and Trustee, Captain ALFRED GRISWOLD.

The Chapter voted to attend the dedication of the State Memorial to General Clarence R. Edwards, in Hartford, on Memorial Day.

A number of the boys say they are going to Springfield for the Convention.

Watch the New Britain Chapter this year. There seems to be new life in the boys and it should be the Chapter's best year.

— JAMES W. GREENE, Secretary.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Albert W. Smith
20 Arden St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Frank J. Wrinn
257 Fountain St., New Haven, Conn.

A good crowd — the second in a row — greeted Commander AL SMITH at the May business session. Dues are coming in swell and if the officers keep pushing we should have a good year. The Chapter Trustees reported their audit of the financial records showed everything in ship-shape order. We paid off a flock of bills last year and still came out in the black.

It was reported at the meeting that RAY CHARBONNEAU, CLARENCE STACEY and JIMMY MALONE were laid up in Newington. Commander SMITH, PC FRED HIRSCH and HANK DUBE paid them a visit. Cards were signed by all present at the meeting and sent to the ailing comrades.

Letters of acknowledgment of their paid-up membership cards were received from Col. C. W. Comfort, Lt. Col. Stanhope Bayne-Jones and Ray Bush. As usual Charlie Comfort returned a check.

Commander SMITH named various committees for the ensuing year. They will be included in the report of next month's meeting.

PC HIRSCH reported that the cost of taking a drum corps to Hartford to the Edwards Memorial Dedication on May 30 was prohibitive and it was decided to march with the Hartford Chapter. A good turnout is anticipated even though most of the lads are on war production work.

Department Commander CLARENCE W. GEER dropped in on a surprise visit with State Sgt.-at-Arms GEORGE CARLISS. George had his boy, an enlisted man in the Army Air Corps, with him and the lad made one of the neatest speeches heard in a long time. His discourse on how the YD spirit as exemplified by his dad had pulled him out of the doldrums after three miserable homesick weeks in the army was an epic.

A plaster replica of the General JIM HAGGERTY plaque in the State Armory has been added to the collection in the chapter headquarters thanks to JACK DILLON, Past Chapter Commander. Jack, by the way, passed out cigars on the birth of his third youngster.

Two interesting reels of movies and refreshments topped off the meeting in grand style.

— L. J. M.

STAMFORD

Commander: Albert M. Baker
Custer St., Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Clarence E. Caldwell
Gen. Del. Glenbrook, Conn.

We held our regular meeting Monday, May the 4th, with fifteen of the faithful in attendance. Things are looking up and we are working to make this one of our best years. We are planning to attend the dedication of the statue of General Edwards on Memorial Day in Hartford and hope to have a large delegation there to take part in this grand Y.D.V.A. occasion.

It's a boy for Vincent and Mrs. Callahan. Wonders will never cease and mistakes will happen. Death and taxes are inevitable, and it seems that these YD guys will go on forever. Congratulations, Buddy, and many hours of happiness for both of you in your new Bundle from Heaven.

Our thanks to the Washington Chapter boys for their cooperation and friendly spirit in assisting the Murphy Sisters in placing flowers on the General's grave in Arlington Cemetery. These girls are the daughters of our Past Commander RAY MACNICHOLL.

Dept. Commander GEER and Sr. Vice Comm.

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CARLOS of Bridgeport paid us a visit as they often do, and gave us a short, but to the point talk on Y.D.V.A.

Our membership is growing each month and hope to have our regular 45 very soon.

The Ladies have their meeting the same night as ours, and after the meeting we all get together, and have a very social evening with refreshments served by the Ladies.

Remember the latch string is always out at 388 Summer St., so drop in, and see us some time.

— — C. E. C., Sec

WALLINGFORD
Commander: Robert T. Delehanty
Secretary: William Loring
Box 172, Wallingford, Conn.

We held our annual meeting tonight at Oakdale Tavern, on the Old Hartford Turnpike, Wallingford, with eleven members attending, and one visitor from the Meriden Chapter, ED GARDNER. After standing in silence for 30 seconds in memory of our departed comrades, ERNEST BORGHI and EDMUND STEARNS, we proceeded with the business of the evening. A fine dinner was served, and our only regret was that more of the members couldn't be there. Following the dinner, a short business meeting was held, and election of officers. The following comrades were elected:

Commander, ROBERT T. DELEHANTY; 1st Vice Commander, SECONDO POGGIO; 2nd Vice Commander, WILLIAM J. ROUSARD; Treasurer, ERIK A. HILLBOM; Secretary, W. M. LORING; Chaplain W. DE F. BERTINI; Sgt.-at-Arms, ROBERT BRYSON; Trustees, FRANCIS BOSSIDY, ALBERT JAMES, RAYMOND CANNON.

We hope to have more meetings like this during the coming year.

Those attending were as follows: MILTON A. TALBOT, LAMONT SMITH, RAYMOND CANNON, ALBERT JAMES, FRANCIS BOSSIDY, ROBERT BRYSON, W. M. LORING, ERIK HILLBOM, WILLIAM BROUSARD, SECONDO POGGIO, ROBERT DELEHANTY.

— W. M. LORING, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
Dep't. Commander: Nathan D. Golden, 4000 Cathedral Ave., Washington

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: William P. O'Connor
15606 Delrey Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: Herbert Riehl
9418 Gibson Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

You Cleveland YD'ers, consider yourselves bawled out—at least those of you who didn't march at all or else marched with some outfit other than YD on the occasion of Cleveland's big War Bond Parade held on April 30th. O'Kie O'Connor was "sizzling mad" because he saw some of our gang as spectators of the parade and still others marching with their A.L. or V.F.W. posts. "To think," he stated, after a long and careless use of numerous invectives, "that 200,000 people lined the parade route and all that they glimpsed of the YD was an ancient patrol wagon with a cracked cylinder head. Here was opportunity knocking, but to no avail, because our members were scattered hither and yon among other contingents or among the spectators. We should place first things first and the interest and welfare of YDVA should be placed first by all members." This outburst occurred at our last meeting on April 17th, about which there is little to report. Plans were made for our attending a memorial service at Collinwood Congregational Church on Sunday, May 24th, and another on Memorial Day at the stone on Cleveland's Mall commemorating the birthplace of Major-Gen. Clarence R. Edwards. Of this latter event, more in our next issue, as it still belongs to the future. Harry Wilson, a former 26th Division man is reported to have died at Elyria, Ohio, in January, 1942.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

Several weeks ago, we were in receipt of a letter from Guy Watts telling us that Ted Noyes, formerly of Co. C, 104th Infantry was to be stationed at Lowry Field. As yet we have not seen him. In case he does not look us up, will try and contact him out at Lowry Field.

Only a small number of the boys were out at

the last meeting — Loeb, Chandler, Johnson, "Rocky", Vetter. "Rocky" went from the meeting to take an exam at his First Aid School—haven't heard of the outcome.

Carl Johnson told us that he had been ordered to appear before the examining board for physical examination prior to appointment as a commissioned officer in the Signal Corps.

Ray Norton, returned recently from the National A. B. C. tournament at Columbus, Ohio. His team was the only Colorado team that placed in the money.

—VETTER.

NEW YORK

Commander: Ralph A. Turgeon
182 Moore St., Princeton, New Jersey
Secretary: Harold B. F. Lonergan
3961 - 10 Ave., New York City

The May Get-together dinner of the New York Chapter, Y.D.V.A., was held in the Hunt Room of the Prince George Hotel, the 26th.

There was a swell crowd and were we surprised when Comrade Dr. JOSEPH K. SURLS walked in with his new Lt. Colonel's uniform on, and he sure looked "Great".

Guess we will lose a lot of the Boys (Over age Destroyers) to our old Uncle Sam in the next few months. Just had a letter from Comrade ALLEN N. SCHAUFFLER or I should say "Captain" who is stationed at Fort Wadsworth with the 371st Bn. of Military Police. Past 1st V. C. CLAUDE SEITZ is now in Government service and is off the continent somewhere up North. Comrade ARMAND BEAUDRY is waiting for his Commission as Lt. Commander in the Navy. Comrade GEORGE O. COTE is also waiting his Commission as Captain in Air Supplies at Wright Field, Ohio. Yes, Uncle Sam sure is falling back on the Old Yankee Division just as he looked up to us in 1917-18. Also at dinner was Colonel JOHN P. WELCH, Quartermaster Corps in charge of the 2nd Corps Area stationed at Governors Island a friend of Comrade BOB DICKSON. With the Colonel was Lt. Col. Taylor Belcher Q.M.C. and Major W. P. Kennard of C & E, also attached to the Q.M.C. There was quite a sprinkling of uniforms at dinner.

The meeting was called to order by Commander RALPH A. TURGEON. Opening Prayer was read by Buck O'Brien. P.C. ED NELSON spoke on our Convention and requested all who could to attend. Don't worry Ed, New York Chapter will be there as we always are. Secretary LONERGAN then introduced Comrade (Navy) WARREN GRIFFIN who gave us an enlightening talk on the possibilities of securing a Drum & Bugle Corps for the Convention. The big stumbling block today is Transportation. It is almost impossible to get a Bus.

Joe Buck O'Brien, D.S.C., reported on Welfare. Comrade Herman Thorn reported on our Flag sales to date.

Comrade ROB DICKSON then introduced our Guest Speaker, Col. John P. Welch. The Colonel gave us a very interesting talk on the tremendous task being done by the G.M. and Service of Supplies. As the Colonel quoted a saying in the New York "Times" that this War is a 90% Quartermaster and 10% Fighting War we realized from his talk what was really meant by this phrase. Our Infantry, Artillery, Tank Corps, Air Force would practically be helpless if it was not for the Q.M. and S.O.S. The upkeep of our Tanks and Mechanized forces are practically in the lap of the Q.M. Food, clothing and equipment. Yes, Comrades, we used to laugh at the S.O.S. Remember, yes and may I say we cursed them many a time too. It is also true that we are short on many raw materials and we have to save. The enemy knows this so it is no secret. At the conclusion of the Colonel's talk a motion was made by Comrade TED SCHOONMAKER a rising vote of thanks be given Colonel Welsh. The Colonel was roundly applauded.

The Chapter Trustees then reported on the Expense Account of our Welfare Officer. It was voted that a check for $75.00 be given our Welfare Office.

Secretary LONERGAN, an old 102nd man, spoke on the Hartford Dedication on Memorial Day of General Edwards Statue. Quite a few from our Chapter left Friday Evening for Hartford and still more left Saturday morning. We will never forget "Our Daddy". Secretary LONERGAN then spoke on the "Surprise" that had been announced in the Meeting notices, and introduced Comrade Elmer E. Davis, practically a new member in the Chapter. Comrade Davis is an Interior Artist and Painter. Comrade Davis proceeded to the rostrum with quite a bulky

package, and after unwrapping the package it turned out to be a beautiful hand painting of "Our Daddy" with all his medals, engagements and life history hand printed and incased in a deep glass and wooden frame. Intermission was immediately called by Commander TURGEON and we all flocked around this wonderful masterpiece presented to the Chapter by Comrade Davis. Permission was granted to the Chapter by Mr. Newton the hotel manager to hang it in the New England Room. Any comrade who may be in New York is welcome to see this wonderful gift to our Chapter now hanging in our Meeting Room. Many thanks Elmer and the best of luck to you and yours. New York Chapter salutes you. Refreshments were served and the latest in war movies were shown, thanks to Comrade ED WRITER. One of the movies was a life history of General Douglas MacArthur. The meeting adjourned 11.30 P. M.

— HAROLD B. F. LONERGAN,
Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: George Hudson
Secretary: Ernest T. Bates

For reasons beyond our control our installation of officers was delayed for several months. Personally I would wait for several more months for a party like the one we had. No need of me telling you it was again held at our Past Commander HARVEY ELLIS' new home. I have often told you of the wonderful setup they put on for us but this time words are beyond me to explain it. I am still thinking of that delicious Virginia baked ham, potato salad, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, olives and so many other good things to eat and drink that it is hard for me to concentrate on writing this column.

The following members asked me to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ellis through this column for a most pleasant evening, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Lenker, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchette, Mr. and Mrs. Gauntt, Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Wintner, Ernie Bates and Chick Frazier. Bates brought his son along who is on a furlough from the Army Air Corps School. I don't know what kind of an impression we old soldiers made on him but he certainly made a good one on us. Good luck, young Bates.

As usual after the good time we gave the ladies they still had a squawk coming, because we held a meeting and kept them downstairs while we installed the officers. But who is the man that can keep the ladies satisfied all the time? (I hope I am not sticking my neck out on this as Bates was supposed to send this news in.) After the new officers were installed we played bingo and there were plenty of presents for all, donated by our out-going Commander Bill Forsyth, he also presented each lady with a box of very fine chocolates. The boys also amused themselves with bingo and table tennis.

Before the meeting got under way we all piled in a couple of cars and went around to see Sven LINDHOLM who is on the sidelines with a broken leg. All the members put their autograph on the cast. Sven is new to most of the members and it is too bad we had to meet him under such unfortunate circumstances.

Our new treasurer FRAZIER after receiving $50.00 from Past Treasurer AL MEYERS got hungry for more dough and went around looking for members not wearing YD buttons, found a couple of culprits in BATES and HUDSON. They paid their nickel fine without a word. I always got a kick out of writing this column but I got a bigger one by not sending any copy in last month as I really found out how well it was read. Everyone at the meeting wanted to know how come, including "DOINGS."

Right here I would like to say a few nice words for the Conn. State police. On my way up to Boston they stopped me for speeding, 55 per, and when I got out of the car I was wearing my YD beret and also had a YD on the back of my car. I told him my old regiment was putting on a shindig that night in Boston and I hoped that he wouldn't spoil my night's fun by giving me a ticket. He didn't, but said, "you will be over the State line in two minutes and you better be darn careful in Mass. as they are very strict." Thanks Conn.

Gas or no gas there are still quite a few of the boys planning to be in Springfield for the convention.

Sometime in April Commander GEORGE HUDSON had the pleasure of entertaining one of our Past National Commanders, George W. Twombly, who was on his way home to Boston from California after an absence of seven years.

The new officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Commander GEORGE HUDSON, Vice

Comm. Louis Wintner, Sec. Ernest T. Bates, Treas. Charles H. Frazier, Sgt.-at-Arms M. L. Lenker. Commander Hudson asked the cooperation of all those present to help make this year as good a one as the past.

In closing we wish to express our regrets to Mrs. Frazier who was unable to attend the party. We would also like to know what is wrong with Hilda Hudson's appetite as she only had four helpings of everything. That gal is sure slipping as she used to go at least six. Past Comm. Bill Forsyth wishes to extend his most sincere thanks to all the members for helping to make this past year a social and financial success.

From now on Bates you are on your own.

— Louis Wintner.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Maurice White
2005 Lawrence St., N.E., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Nathan D. Golden
4000 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

The Washington Chapter of the YD Veterans Association held its monthly meeting on May 6th at Nate Golden's apartment, at which the following were in attendance:

Commander White, Hutchins, Erickson, Butland, Cassell, Jordan, Dodic, Small, Queenin, Glueck, St. Peter, McManus, Nicholson, Golden.

Plans were laid for the annual ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery, which are to be held on Memorial Day at 2 P. M. at General Edwards Grave. We will, of course, fulfill our usual obligation of decorating with flowers and our individual YD flag on the graves of all YD comrades which we have record of in Arlington.

Ray Queenin has a new job with Paul McNutt's Federal Security Agency, with the new Man Power Committee.

After a very short business session the boys got down to a bit of elbow bending and then proceeded to eat up a pan of good old army beans. After there was no more food left, the gang departed around midnight.

We hope that a larger group will turn out for the June meeting which is slated at Gene Burr's home.

We hope to have a fair delegation at the Springfield Convention but with the tire and gas situation as it is, added to restrictions on annual leave here in Washington, we are in no position to definitely state how many will actually be there.

— Nathan D. Golden,
Secretary.

• TAPS •

Guy L. Bean, 102nd Mach. Gun Bat'n., passed away at his home in Amesbury, Mass., at the age of 48. Guy was in the insurance business and served as chairman of the local board of registrars and was a civic leader. The love his townspeople had for him was evidenced by the throng who attended the services, "nearly 2000" stated the Haverhill Gazette. Burial was in Mt. Prospect Cemetery and his widow writes us, "I feel that his memory will live on . . . and I wish to thank Haverhill YD Chapter for turning out". As a personal friend may we say that a better man never lived.

William J. Burns, Co. B, 104th Infantry is reported to have died on Jan. 13. No details.

Daniel P. Duggan, Co. L, 101st Infantry died on Jan 8. No details.

Edward A. Bordeau, 101st Mach. Gun Bat'n., is reported to have died at the Veterans Hospital, Vermont. No date given. Burial was in Hudson, (presumably Vermont, although clipping did not state), and is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. YD men from a local chapter and women from an Auxiliary (not named) were present.

We have a report from Frank Shedd, secretary of Rutland Chapter that George Elliott, 101st Mach. Gun Bat'n., died on May 17th. Chapter members attended the services and burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Rutland, Vt.

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CHICAGO

Commander: William H. Keyes
5452 Glenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary: John Klockowski
2205 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill.

This article comes to YANKEE DOINGS from way down in Memphis, Tenn. The old Commander of the Chicago Chapter is playing here in Memphis, with Isham Jones, batting them out, every noon, evening, and night, at the Peabody Hotel.

Our last meeting, and pre-view was very much of a success. Although a number of our most ardent supporters were acting in the capacity of "Minute Men", we still had a showing of ninety-four (94) people, and I know that they all thoroughly enjoyed Allen Usher's program of selected shorts, and "Reap the Wild Wind." Allen always has a fine program for us, and last month was no exception.

About the only business of any importance to be taken up, were the details of our next meeting, and Out-going Commander's Party, June 10th, and the decorating of the graves of our departed members. Each grave was assigned to a member who lives near the cemetery, and in my absence, Comrade Anderson took care of the two that were assigned to me.

I received a very nice letter from Nathan Golden of Washington, D. C., our Dept. Commander of the U. S. — BILL KEYES.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Arthur T. Nelson
5 Joslin Place, Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: William E. King
431 Main St., Leominster, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night, May 12, in St. Georges Hall. At which time we held our first meeting after being incorporated. Comrade FRANK ZINGARELLA won the uniform.

On Tuesday night, May 19, we held our first Memorial exercises for our departed comrades. Comrade GEORGE CALLAHAN was chairman of the Committee, assisted by Comrades CHARLES GOGUEN, FRANCIS DACEY, BERNARD BROWN, ARTHUR P. SHEA and HARRY BREWER.

Comrade GEORGE CALLAHAN gave the principle address of the evening. Prayers were read by Comrade DANIEL MORAN. Major John T. Burke, Armorer, at Fitchburg Armory gave a few remarks. — WILLIAM E. KING, Sec.

READING

"Chateau Thierry Chapter"
Commander: Edwin M. Rowe
1 Greenwood Ave., Wakefield, Mass.
Secretary: Thos. H. Campbell
11 Wilson St., Reading

Well Chateau Thierry Chapter is again on the map. Comrade ROWE has been legally installed as Commander, the ceremony being so ably performed by our good Comrade Past Nat. Commander APPLEBY with the assistance of "Cowboy" SULLIVAN and the moral support of our good scribe, GUY WATTS. It was one swell evening with guests from Salem, Boston, Lynn, Haverhill and other chapters that I cannot identify at the present. I think that HARRY PLUFF and the writer wish that these parties would not break up so quick though — and then our errand would not have been in vain. Never mind Harry we almost had it anyway. It is sure gratifying for we smaller chapters to see so many outsiders come and give us a lift, as, we sure can stand it.

Our new colors were presented to the Chapter by Comrade BILL FALL who worked so untiringly with our penny sales to make it possible and we do wish to thank all who assisted with these sales as they were certainly very successful.

Our Chapter has started something in Reading that is bound to go by leaps and bounds. We have started a club of mothers, fathers, sweethearts and any and all others who are interested so that the boys from Reading will at least get a letter once a month. They have had two meetings now and have elected officers headed by Mrs. Mollie Sweetser, ex-member of the House of Representatives as Chairman. Our committee has been in attendance at both meetings to see that they got organized right. We have been requested to start such a club in all towns that is represented in this Chapter, as, they all want to do the same thing.

This is something fellows, that you should think over, as it can be done by any chapter, and, again, we are the ones who know what it means when so far away from home.

Well, as I am pinchhitting for our scribe, who is working real hard at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, I think that I have spoke enough.

— "Has Been" Maxwell.

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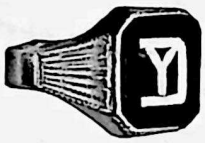

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